

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
MAPLE-STEELE JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
DECEMBER 9, 2013

The Maple-Steele Joint Water Resource District met on Monday, December 9, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Jurgen Suhr, Chairman; Rodger Olson and Gerald Melvin, Maple River Water Resource District; Josh Ihry, Steele County Water Resource District; Greg Thykeson, Steele County Water Resource District (by telephone); Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Brittany C. Moen, Administrative Assistant; Sean Fredricks, Attorney for the Maple River Water Resource District; Chad Engels and Mike Opat, Engineers for the Board; William Brudvik, Attorney for Steele County Water Resource District; Jerry Hieb, Ken Evenson, Bruce Anderson, and Shawn Olauson, Barnes County Water Resource District; Jason Benson, Cass County Engineer; and Pat Downs, Red River Retention Authority. Tor Bergstrom, Steele County Water Resource District, was absent.

Upper Maple River Dam

Mike Opat presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Upper Maple River Dam, which is attached to these minutes. He reviewed the history of the project, dating back to the original interest in retention for the Upper Maple River in 1996, and reviewed public outreach and meetings held regarding the project, beginning in 2007.

The design for the project remains the same and mitigation measures have been added. Updated hydrology information has been collected for use in the Comprehensive Detention Plan.

Mr. Opat said approval of the Corps of Engineers Section 404 Permit is expected in January 2014 and the North Dakota Department of Health Section 401 Permit approval is expected this month.

Mr. Opat displayed maps showing the project location, pool area, concrete spillway and embankment areas. A map depicting the project's impact to area roads was discussed. One road will need to be raised for the project. Mr. Opat hopes to see the construction contract awarded and the project started in June of 2014.

The potential schedule for the project and project costs were discussed, including cost-share, local costs and the potential assessment district. Downstream benefits were also reviewed.

Discussion on potential retention sites with Barnes County Water Resource District

Barnes County Water Resource District Managers were present to discuss potential retention sites and the Upper Maple River Dam. Sean Fredricks reviewed several ways in which the Barnes County Water Resource District could become involved. A potential agreement could be made between the Maple River, Steele County and Barnes County Water Resource Districts. The matter will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Olson, seconded by Manager Ihry and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the April 4, May 3, July 24 and August 6, 2013, meetings, as presented.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be considered by the Board, the meeting adjourned without objection.

APPROVED:

Jurgen Suhr
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer